

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Friday, June 25, 1999

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. KNOLLENBERG).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 25, 1999.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOE KNOLLENBERG to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Help us to see more clearly, O gracious God, that just as the issues that are presented in this place are to be taken seriously and with critical concern, we ought not take ourselves with that same seriousness or concern. Remind us of the healthy humility that ought to pervade our actions and our thoughts, knowing that too often we miss the mark or we go astray. Forgive us, strengthen us and make us whole, that being made strong by Your spirit, we will be the people You would have us be and do those good things that honor You and serve the people of this Nation. In Your name we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HOYER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, an-

nounced that the Senate has passed a concurrent resolution of the following title in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 39. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the treatment of religious minorities in the Islamic Republic of Iran, and particularly the recent arrests of members of that country's Jewish community.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 5 one-minutes per side.

REPUBLICANS TRIUMPH IN ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL BASEBALL GAME

(Mr. OXLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I proudly hold the Roll Call Trophy signifying the Republican victory last evening, 17-1, over the Donkeys. We are very proud of this and our team. We want to thank MARTIN SABO, the manager of the Democrats, and all of the participants in this game. The real winner, of course, was charity. We raised over \$100,000 for three charities, and we are quite proud of that. That is almost twice as much money as we have ever raised in this game, and we have raised that game to a new level.

I want to congratulate MVP ZACH WAMP, who hit an inside-the-park home run and was sterling in the field and STEVE LARGENT, who pitched another brilliant game, not walking one batter and has only given up two runs in 14 innings, two runs in two games, against the Democrats, this time even with a little bit of a sore arm. We are very pleased with this. We will have this over on our side of the aisle, Mr. Majority Leader, for everyone to see. Thanks again to all the sponsors and people who participated. This was a wonderful event. It just gets better and better every year.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. OXLEY. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I feel constrained to respond in light of the fact that our manager is not here. When you lose 17-1, not showing up is probably the best advice. But I want to say to my brother OXLEY, he and I are fra-

ternity brothers and good friends. He is the manager of the Republican team. This was his first year as the manager. I hope it is not a preface of what is to come, because if it is, we on this side of the aisle are in a lot of trouble. But it was a good time. We played at one of the beautiful stadiums in America, in Bowie, Maryland, in my district.

On behalf of the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO), our manager and all the players on both sides, I want to congratulate all of those who were responsible for raising over \$100,000. That is the purpose of the game, to raise dollars for young people, for organizations in the city and in this community, to enhance the lives of children.

And some very old people feeling much older today than they felt the day before played last night so that much younger people, probably much better athletes, will have opportunities that they might not otherwise have.

I want to congratulate both Manager OXLEY and Manager SABO for their leadership.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would like to announce that one speech on either side concerning the Congressional baseball game will be accommodated outside the limit of five one-minute speeches per side.

TAX RELIEF

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, in the preamble to the Constitution, the people of the United States declared that one of the purposes of having a Constitution was to promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and to our posterity. Mr. Speaker, one of the best ways to promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and to our children would be to pass meaningful tax relief, letting people keep more of what they earn means that their standard of living will go up.

It means that people can better save and provide for their families, better save for their children's education and maybe even better save for their own retirement. The Constitution speaks of providing the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity and reducing death taxes means that family farms can stay in the family, and the